

## **TellUs2 Questionnaire Summary Sheet**

### **National**

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## **TellUs2 Survey**

The TellUs2 survey was a survey of children and young people across England, asking their views about their local area, and including questions which covered the five Every Child Matters outcomes. The survey was carried out in Spring 2007. A sample of schools was selected within each local authority, representing the different types of schools in each area. The schools were then provided with guidance detailing how to select pupils to take part in the survey.

This summary presents the questions in the same way they were presented to respondents. The questions were developed through cognitive testing with children, to ensure that they understood the questions and answered them in a meaningful way. This means that some of the questions, such as self-defining a disability, may not give data consistent with 'standard' definitions.

The responses from the survey were weighted to ensure that the summary data at local authority and national level represents the population of Year 6, 8 and 10 children within that area in terms of the following characteristics: gender, age, proportion of children eligible for free school meals in the school (as a proxy for deprivation) and type of school. Population data for 2006 from the Pupil Level Annual School Census was used to derive the weights, and the number of children attending Pupil Referral Units was obtained from the 2006 School Level Annual School Census.

## **The national summary**

The national summary report provides data for the selected questions at national level. 111,325 individual responses from children and young people across 141 local authorities contributed to the national figures.

### Sample characteristics (Section 1: About you)

This section gives details of the demographic characteristics of respondents to the survey (unweighted sample information). The rest of the survey data has been weighted, to adjust for any disproportionality between the sample and the population.

### The five Every Child Matters Outcome sections (2: Be healthy, 3: Stay safe, 4: Enjoy and achieve, 5: Make a positive contribution, 6: Achieve economic well-being)

Data at national level within these sections of the report have been weighted to take account of differences between our sample population and the population of the 141 local authorities who took part in the survey. Differences were calculated in terms of gender, age, type of school and free school meals (as a proxy for deprivation). This means effectively that the national data is representative of the population of 141 local authorities, rather than all 150 local authorities. However, there were no substantive differences in terms of demographic and socio-economic characteristics of those local authorities which did take part and those which did not, so weighting the national data separately to be representative of the whole country would make very little difference.

Questions which were only asked of secondary school children are identified after the question as such (YEAR 8 & 10 ONLY).

Further details of the survey design and methodology can be found in the TellUs2 technical report.

## Summary :

## National

**1. About you**

	NAT
Category	All (%)

**Are you:**

Male	50
Female	50

**How old are you?**

Year 6 (Aged 10 & 11)	41
Year 8 (Aged 12 & 13)	32
Year 10 (Aged 14 & 15)	26

**Which one of these best describes you?**

White	78
Mixed race	1
Asian or Asian British	11
Black or Black British	6
Chinese or other	2
Don't Know	2

**Which of these are you, if any?**

Disabled	1
Deaf	1
Blind	0
None of these	99

**Do you receive free school meals?**

Yes	15
No	81
Don't Know	4

**Do you receive extra help at school with your learning or behaviour from someone other than your teacher?**

Yes	22
No	66
Don't Know	13

**2: Being Healthy****Table 2a: How healthy are you? (Tick one box only)**

Very healthy	31
Quite healthy	55
Not very healthy	9
Don't Know	5

**Table 2b: How many portions of fruit and vegetables do you eat in a day normally? (Tick one box only)**

None	4
1-2	26
3-4	40
5 or more	23
Don't Know	6

**2: Being Healthy (...continued)**

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Category	All (%)

**Table 2c: Over the last 7 days, on how many days have you spent at least 30 minutes doing sports or other active things? (Tick one box only)**

None	4
1-2 days	18
3-5 days	35
6 days or more	38
Don't Know	5

**Table 2d : Have you ever smoked a cigarette? (Tick one box only)**

No	73
Yes	21
Prefer not to say	5

**Table 2e : Have you ever had an alcoholic drink- a whole drink, not just a sip? (Tick one box only)**

No	42
Yes	48
Prefer not to say	10

**Table 2f : In the last four weeks, how many times, if any, have you got drunk? (Tick one box only)**

None	23
Once/Twice	12
Three or more times	7
Prefer not to say/ Don't know/remember	5

**Table 2g : Which of these drugs, if any, have you taken in the last four weeks? (Tick all that apply) (YEAR 8 & 10 ONLY)**

I have never taken any drugs	80
I haven't taken any drugs in the last four weeks	7
Cannabis (weed, grass, hash)	9
Solvents (e.g. sniffing or breathing in glue, gas aerosols)	3
Other drugs (e.g. Cocaine, LSD, Ecstasy, Heroin, speed, magic mushrooms)	3
Prefer not to say	6

**Table 2h : What do you think of the information and advice you get on the following things? (Tick one box only) (YEAR 8 & 10 ONLY)***Need more/better information and advice*

Eating healthy food	20
Alcohol	27
Smoking	26
Drugs	31
Sex and relationships	37

**2: Being Healthy (...continued)**

	NAT
Category	All (%)

**Table 2h contd. : What do you think of the information and advice you get on the following things? (Tick one box only) (YEAR 8 & 10 ONLY)***It's good enough*

Eating healthy food	80
Alcohol	73
Smoking	74
Drugs	69
Sex and relationships	63

**Table 2i : Which of the following things, if any, do you worry about the most? (Tick all that apply)**

Being bullied	25
School work	35
Exams	51
Girlfriends/boyfriends/sex (year 8 & 10 only)	28
Being healthy	32
Money	29
Friendships	39
My Future	30
Getting into trouble	27
My parents or family	29

**Table 2j: If you had a problem at home that you couldn't talk to your mum/step mum or dad/step dad or your carer about, who if anyone would you talk to about it or ask for help? (Tick all that apply) (YEAR 8 & 10 ONLY)**

Nobody	14
Brother(s) or sister(s)	37
Other family members (that you don't live with)	29
Friends	71
Friend's parent	12
Neighbour	6
Teachers or adult at school	14
Counsellor or social worker or other support workers	5
Youth group leaders or sports coach	5
A telephone helpline	5
Someone else	8
Don't know	8

3: Staying safe

	NAT
Category	All (%)

Table 3a: How safe or unsafe from being hurt by other people do you feel? (Tick one box only)

<i>Very/Quite safe</i>	
Around the local area	74
On public transport	68
Going to and from school	85
In school	85
At home	95
<i>A bit/Very unsafe</i>	
Around the local area	25
On public transport	27
Going to and from school	13
In school	14
At home	4
<i>Don't know</i>	
Around the local area	2
On public transport	5
Going to and from school	2
In school	1
At home	1

Table 3b : How often, if at all, have you been bullied in school in the last four weeks? (Tick one box only)

Never	70
A couple of times in the last four weeks	17
About once a week	4
Two or three times a week	3
Most days	5

Table 3c : How well does your school deal with bullying?(Tick one box)

Very/Quite well	57
Not very/Not at all well	30
Bullying not a problem in my school	4
Don't know	9

**Note:** Data for table 4c and 4e have been removed due to the discovery of a last minute error.

4: Enjoy and achieve

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Category	All (%)

Table 4a: For each of the things below, please tick the box that shows how often it is true for you. (Tick one box only)

<i>I enjoy school</i>	
Always/ Most of the time	58
Sometimes	34
Never	9
<i>I try my best at school</i>	
Always/ Most of the time	81
Sometimes	17
Never	3

Table 4b: Which of the things below, if any, might help you do better in school? (Tick all that apply)

More help from teachers	40
More fun/interesting lessons	79
A quieter/better behaved class or group	40
Smaller classes/groups	36
Fewer bullies	31
More help from family and friends	22
Somewhere quiet at home to do homework	23
None of these	8

Table 4c: Which of these, if any, would you like to go to that you don't at the moment? (Tick all that apply)

A youth club or youth group	
Swimming pool	
Sports club	
After-school or breakfast club	
Music group or lesson (not in school lesson)	
Art, craft, dance, drama, film-making group/class (not in school lessons)	
Other	
Nothing	

Table 4d : Why don't you go to these at the moment?(Tick all that apply)

Don't have time	31
There aren't any near me	30
Don't like the ones near me	11
Don't know what there is	13
Lack of transport	14
Costs too much	23

4: Enjoy and achieve (...continued)

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Category	All (%)

Table 4d contd: Why don't you go to these at the moment? (Tick all that apply)

Don't like the people who go	10
Parent doesn't let me	11
Feel unsafe travelling home	9
I have a disability, sight or hearing problem	2
Something else	10
Nothing stops me	15
Don't know	17

Table 4e: If new activities opened up in your area, how would you most like to find out about them? (Tick all that apply) (YEAR 8 &10 ONLY)

Family	
Friends	
Youth clubs/groups	
School teachers	
Posters/local paper/leaflets	

Table 4f : Do you know enough about what activities there are for you to do in the area, or do you need more information? (Tick one box only) (YEAR 8 &10 ONLY)

Know enough	36
Need a little more information	42
Need a lot more information	22

Table 4g : Overall, what do you think of the activities and things to do in your area? (Tick one box only)

Good enough	26
Need a little more/better things to do	45
Need a lot more/better things to do	29

5: Making a positive contribution

Table 5a: How much are children and young people's views listened to in decisions about the local area?(Tick one box only) (YEAR 8 & 10 ONLY)

Great deal/fair amount	24
Not much/Not at all	58
Don't know	18

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## 5: Making a positive contribution (continued...)

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**Table 5b : In the last year, have you ever given your views about the local area, such as about local problems or local activities and facilities in any of these ways? (Tick all that apply) (YEAR 8 & 10 ONLY)**

Filled in questionnaire	21
Member of youth parliament	4
Meetings outside school	6
None of these	74

**Table 5c: Which of these have you done in the last year? (Tick all that apply)**

Voted in school, class or year group election at school	43
Been on a school council or parliament	14
None of the above	41
Don't know	14

**Table 5d: And have you done any of the things below in the last four weeks? (Tick all that apply) (YEAR 8 & 10 ONLY)**

Helped elderly/disabled person	24
Helped care for someone who is sick	24
Done something else to help family and friends	74
Done something else to help a neighbour or someone else in the local area	29
None of these	15

**Table 5e : In the last year, have you done anything to help raise money for a charity or local group? (Tick one box only)**

Yes	65
No	35

**Table 5f : How much do you feel children and young people's views are listened to in the running of your school?(Tick one box only) (YEAR 8 & 10 ONLY)**

Great deal/fair amount	52
Not much/none at all	38
Don't know	11

## 6: Achieving Economic Well - Being

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Category	All (%)

**Table 6a: What do you think of your local area as a place to live in? (Tick one box only)**

Very/fairly good	74
Neither good nor poor	16
Fairly/very poor	8
Don't know	2

**Table 6b : What do you think of the public transport (such as buses, trains, trams, tube) in your area? (Tick one box only)**

Very/fairly good	57
Neither good nor poor	26
Fairly/very poor	16

**Table 6c : What do you hope to do when you leave school? (Tick one box only)**

Get a job at 16	16
Study and get a job at 18	17
Study and go to university	50
Something else	7
Don't know	10

**Table 6d : What do you think of the information and help you get to plan your future? e.g. choosing subject options and thinking about jobs and careers (Tick one box only) (YEAR 8 & 10 ONLY)**

It's good enough	36
Need a little more or better information and advice	39
Need a lot more or better information and advice	16
Don't know what there is	9

**Table 6e : Which of these things, if any, would do the most to make your area a better place for you to live? (Tick all that apply)**

More or better shops	47
Cleaner and less litter	48
More or better sport clubs/centres	44
Better public transport	26
Safer roads	35
More or better activities for children and young people	50
Safer area or less crime	40
More or better parks and green spaces	48
Less young people hanging around	26
Something else	9

## 6: Achieving Economic Well - Being (...continued)

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Category	All (%)

**Table 6e contd: Which of these things, if any, would do the most to make your area a better place for you to live? (Tick all that apply)**

Don't know	4
None (the area is fine as it is)	8

**Table 6f: Thinking about all of the things that have been covered in the survey, what if anything, would do most to make your life better? (Tick one box only)**

More organised activities and things to do	13
More places where I can go to hang out with my friends	30
More chance to have a say in how things are run at school or in the local area	5
More ways I can volunteer or help people	3
More or better advice about being healthy	3
More help to do better at school	5
More help to plan for my future	17
More help to feel safer at school and in the local area	7
None of these	6
Don't know	12